

## **Sustainable Schoolyards**

June 22 - 26, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Litzsinger Road Ecology Center*

Can your students plan and participate in the creation of a schoolyard wildlife habitat while they are achieving curriculum objectives? Seven St. Louis area schools and a local nature center say, “Yes!”

The **Sustainable Schoolyards** Initiative was created by a team of St. Louis educators for the purpose of assisting teachers in establishing habitat restoration projects on school sites and providing the tools for building a curriculum that incorporates restoration into almost any subject area. The initiative is based on the **Earth Partnership for Schools** Program (EPS). EPS began in 1991 as an outgrowth of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum's focus on ecological restoration as a way of establishing a positive relationship between people and the land.

**Workshop Goal:** Participating teacher teams from St. Louis area schools will create a plan for the development of a schoolyard natural habitat that utilizes the EPS curriculum in a way that achieves established curriculum objectives.

This 5-day summer workshop is for teams of two or more teachers from St. Louis area schools who are prepared to commit to schoolyard habitat restoration planning and associated curriculum development.

Workshop leaders are local teachers who have received extensive training in the EPS curriculum materials and have effectively incorporated schoolyard habitat development into their curriculum. This team of educators is committed to assisting workshop participants in the development of their schoolyard plan through the 2009 – 10 school year.

While there is no registration cost for the workshop, graduate credit is available at a cost.

Currently, **Sustainable Schoolyards** is an integral part of the curriculum at the following schools:

McGrath Elementary School, Brentwood

Mann Elementary School, St. Louis

Maplewood – Richmond Heights Early Childhood Center

Lincoln High School, Lincoln, IL

Spoede Elementary School, Creve Coeur

The Freedom School, University City

The College School, Webster Groves

Enrollment is limited. Please apply early.

For more information, contact Eddie Jones:  
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### Workshop Application

*Complete one application form for each participating teacher.*

*A school must have at least two successful applicants to be considered for acceptance to the workshop.*

(Please Print) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level/Curriculum Area \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Teaching Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Other program applicants from your school \_\_\_\_\_

*While there is no workshop registration fee, there is a fee for optional graduate credit.*

Are you interested in graduate credit?  Yes  No

*On a separate page please respond to the following:*

1) The Sustainable Schools program is intended for teachers who are seeking to improve the educational use of their schoolyard. Please describe your experience with making use of the outdoors as a learning environment.

2) The primary goal of this program is to equip teachers to begin their Sustainable Schoolyard development in the 2009-10 school year. This requires that school and community leaders support such a development. What history of collaboration do you have with teachers and others in your school and the broader community?

3) Student participation in the development and use of the schoolyard site is an integral part of the Sustainable Schoolyards model. What kind of curricular and scheduling adjustments will need to be made in order for your students to have sufficient time to implement the schoolyard plan?

As part of the application process, a meeting is requested with you, your co-applicants and your school administrator to discuss the feasibility of a schoolyard development. Upon receipt of this completed form, you will be contacted about scheduling the meeting.

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Mail this application to:

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